

REMARKS

Claims 1-71 and 73-81 were pending. Claims 64, 65, 73 and 81 have been canceled.
Claims 66, 70 and 74 have been amended.

THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 66 has been amended to correct its dependency in light of canceling claim 64.
Claims 66 and 74 have been amended for grammatical clarity. Claim 70 has been amended to remove the language objected to by the Examiner. Rejected claims 64, 65, 73 and 81 have been canceled.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 64, 65, 70, 73 and 81 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for reciting the term “effective amount,” where, according to the Examiner, the claims fail to “state the function which is to be rendered effective.”

Claims 66, 71, and 74-77 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as depending from indefinite claims.

As claims 64, 65, 73 and 81 have presently been canceled, the rejection of these claims is now moot.

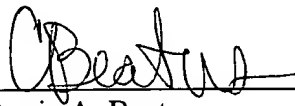
Claim 70 has been amended to remove the rejected language. As such, the rejection of this claim is now moot. Applicants assert that claim 70, as amended, meets the definiteness requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 66, 71, and 74-77, as they clearly depend from definite claims.

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A prompt indication of allowable subject matter would be much appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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